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TO: Executive Board
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SUBJECT: Preliminary Adoption of LSA Document #09-40
School Immunization Rule – 410 IAC 1-1

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Commission of Public Health and Preparedness respectfully requests the Executive Board, at the Board's March 11, 2009 meeting, preliminarily adopt this proposed rule that amends the school immunization rule (410 IAC 1-1). The proposed rule expands the list of immunizations required for attendance at public schools to those recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The rule also further defines school reporting requirements to require electronic reporting via the immunization data registry (CHIRP).

Immunization recommendations are updated regularly by the CDC based on currently available vaccine, new scientific data in support of vaccine use, and the epidemiology of vaccine preventable disease activity. The current immunization rule was written in 1976 and is outdated based on new evidence and recommendations. Advances in technology have also changed the immunization reporting mechanisms available to the ISDH and public schools.

The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule was published on the Indiana Register on January 21, 2009, starting the one year period in which to adopt this rule. The proposed rule has been recommended for adoption to the ISDH Immunization Program by the Indiana Department of Education (DOE) and the Indiana Association of School Nurses (IASN).